

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 30

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A RESOLUTION naming February 6, 2005, "Ronald Reagan Day"
in the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, a union leader, a corporate spokesman, the Governor of California, and the President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America; in his election to a second term, he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election, a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Reagan's presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense in government, leading to unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children served to lower crime and drug use in neighborhoods through the country; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America's values, values cherished by the free world, and prepared America's Armed Forces to meet twenty-first century challenges; and

WHEREAS, his vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and, ultimately, to the demise of the Soviet Union, enabling millions of people to attain basic human rights; and

WHEREAS, February 6, 2005, will mark the 94th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth and will be the first such date since his passing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this Body hereby designates February 6, 2005, as "Ronald Reagan Day" in the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we encourage all citizens of the State of Tennessee to take heed of this date and to participate in its observance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.